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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This amendment, submitted along with a request for a continuation application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d), is submitted in response to the Advisory action, dated September 15, 2000. A petition for a two-month extension of time, and the required fee, accompanies this response, making the request for a continuation application due on or before October 15, 2000. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**In the claims:**

6. (Twice Amended) A method of identifying a non-binding FK506 analog that stimulates nerve cell growth, the method comprising:  
screening a plurality of FK506 analogs for binding to FKBP-12[.];  
selecting a FK506 analog that does not bind FKBP-12[.]; and  
assaying the FK506 analog that does not bind FKBP-12 for activity in promoting nerve cell growth, thereby identifying a non-binding FK506 analog that stimulates nerve cell growth.

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